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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There is no question of extending the time-limit. But the hon. Member may see that people take sufficient interest and all efforts are put forth to do as much as possible within the year, and then for the next year sufficient allotment will again be made for completing the works.

SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY : Are the Government aware that several works are held up for want of supply of iron departmentally. If so, what steps the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Wherever this matter is brought to the notice of the Government, they pay particular attention to it and see that the need is fulfilled.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Are the Government aware that people are not in a position to take so much interest in sending the plans to the Collector and the concerned department as they do not give sufficient publicity to it. This is the case not only in South Kanara but also in Malabar. So, will the Government be pleased to issue instructions that sufficient publicity must be given so that it may help the people to take much interest in these affairs?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not think that any more publicity is to be done in the matter of publicising the Local Development Works. I can say that it is quite popular and people are taking to it with great zeal and enthusiasm in the various districts and it is for the hon. Member to see that more enthusiasm is generated in Malabar so that the funds that would be available under the Local Development Works may be fully utilized.

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : In the Malnad villages in the Kasaragod taluk, there are no panchayat boards and it is difficult to get 50 per cent contribution from the people. In view of the fact that it is a very backward area in all respects, will the Government consider the desirability of giving 75 per cent contribution to these works by the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Except for drinking water-supply works, it is not possible to reduce the contribution under the Local Development Works below 50 per cent?

* 2779 *Q.*—SRI K. T. RAJU (on behalf of Sri C. Kandasamy) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount allotted to Tirunelveli district for the Local Development Scheme for the year 1954–55;

(*b*) what portion of it was allocated for schemes in the are covered by Sattankulam Assembly Constituency; and

(*c*) the proportion of the population in the Sattankulam Assembly Constituency to the population in the whole district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) *to* (*c*) The attention of the Hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 2290, given in this House on 26th August 1955.